

physicians, any specialized rehabilitation service, medications that are not on the VA formulary, specialty beds and mattresses. The resident will be responsible for all costs for items not covered by the nursing home care charges. Any items not covered by Medicare/Medicaid or other insurance policy will be the sole responsibility of the resident. The care charge for non-veteran residents of the Homes will be, at minimum, double (2X) the rate paid by veteran residents. The prorated monthly charge is due upon admission unless otherwise approved by the Executive Director.

w. Effective upon the Department of Veterans Affairs implementation of the provisions of Public Law 109-461, State Veterans Affairs Board may reimburse State Veterans Home daily care charges retroactive to March 21, 2007, for eligible 70% service-connected State Veterans Home residents and for residents whose service-connected disabilities require State Veterans Home care.

x. Effective upon the Department of Veterans Affairs implementation of the provisions of Public Law 109-461 there shall be no State Veterans Home resident daily care charge for qualifying 70% service-connected veterans and for veterans requiring State veterans Home care due to their service-connected disabilities.

y. Pursuant to 38 CFR 51.41, the SVAB may not to accept drugs and medicines from VA on behalf of those veterans in need of nursing home care for a VA adjudicated service-connected disability; or who have a singular or combined service connected rating of seventy (70) percent or more based on one or more service-connected disabilities or a rating of total (100) disability based on individual unemployability and are in need of nursing home care

z. Residents may be authorized a leave of absence (pass) for a ten (10) day or twelve (12) period as set forth in 38 CFR 51.43(c), by the Executive Director or his designee.

1. Charges for nursing home care will continue to accrue during periods of absence (leave) from Home. Residents may be authorized leave of absence (pass), not to exceed ~~96 hours~~ twelve (12) days, by the Executive Director or his designee.

(a) Any resident of a Mississippi State Veterans Home will not have his/her bed filled, while on pass from the Home, until the Home has received from the resident or his/her responsible party, that the resident will not be returning to the Home. The following apply:

(1) **AFTER HOSPITALIZATION.** If a resident is hospitalized for more than 21 consecutive days, he or she shall be discharged from the facility. The resident will remain responsible for daily care charges until the date of discharge from the veterans home. Upon discharge from the hospital, the resident will be given priority placement within the State Veterans Homes.

(2) If the resident is on pass other than for hospitalization, the bed will be held